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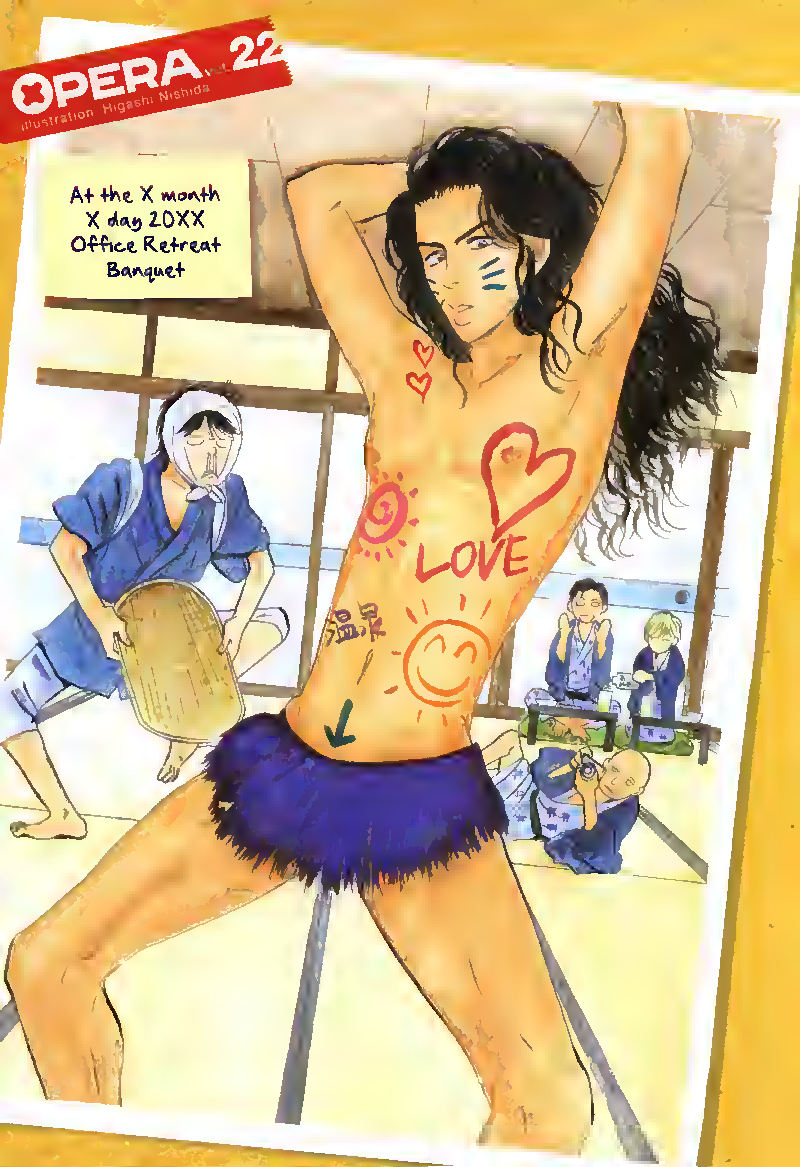

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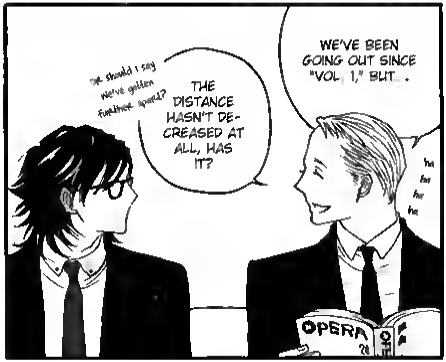
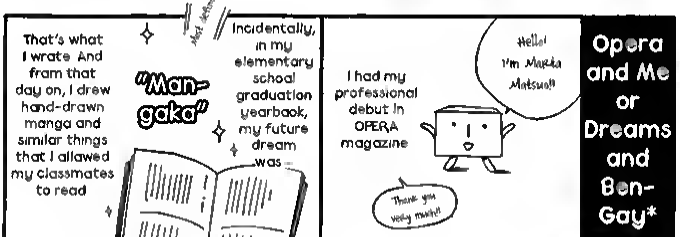
Time Flies... a short extra of the Paul and Jonathan series


WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT SINCE "VOL. 1," BUT...
THE DISTANCE HASN'T DECREASED AT ALL, HAS IT?
or should I say we've gotten further apart?
ha ha ha ha
OPERA
That must mean I'm getting older, too
THE 20TH ISSUE ALREADY! THAT WAS FAST

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, SEVERAL WEEKS MAY GO BY BETWEEN CHAPTERS
or maybe you're just royally getting senile
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND "MANGA TIME," DO YOU PROFESSOR?
It's quite common for Japanese manga to take several years to draw


That's what I wrote. And from that day on, I drew hand-drawn manga and similar things that I allowed my classmates to read
Just Kidding
"Manga"
Incidentally, in my elementary school graduation yearbook, my future dream was...
I had my professional debut in OPERA magazine
Hello! I'm Makka Matsuo!!
Thank you very much!
Opera and Me or Dreams and Ben-Gay*

*It would be bad if that were exposed on TV, so let's keep it to ourselves!

*A TYPE OF LINIMENT

Leaving that aside
Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary!!
WILL WE BE A PASSIONATE COUPLE BY THE 100TH ISSUE, I WONDER —?
How would I know?
Please take care of me after this as well!
Whaaaaaat! I have a feeling I'm never going to finish!
EMPTY BEN-GAY BOTTLE
Wheeee!
MANGA THAT PROVOKES URGENT CALLS
Wouldn't you say it's a dream come true? It's hard to grasp that I'm one of those people whose future dreams came true— I'm truly grateful
The portrait of harsh reality
A friend recommended Ben-Gay for my sore shoulders. It was quite stimulating, but

◆ Time Flies... / END ◆

The Paul and Jonathan series short break edition

Service

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU DIRECTLY
ERR...
WHY ON EARTH AND IN WHAT WAY WOULD YOU PREFER SOMEONE LIKE ME?
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT I'M NOT PARTICULARLY SEXY
I'D EVEN SAY I'M MORE THE UNPOPULAR, NERDY TYPE
Marta Matsuo
松尾マアタ
Popular volume now on sale!

HOW COULD I FORGET IT...
That's right... it was at the final interview of the entrance examination...
hee hee hee
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME WE MET?

Among those sour-faced middle-aged professors all in a row...
WELL, WITH THAT, TODAY'S INTERVIEW IS
YES, WELL, WE'VE HEARD SOME VERY INTERESTING OPINIONS...
—He stood out,
the only one under forty.
Ah
EXCUSE ME
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I ASKED ONE LAST QUESTION?
WHAT DO YOU THINK
OF ME?

He's not wrong about that
I CAN'T I'M SHAKING ... IT MUST BE A TRICK.
Suddenly
shake shake
STEADY, NOW! I WILL PREVAIL!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR A SAFE ANSWER. FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT
YOUR IMPRESSION ...
IN ONE WORD
HUH?
grip
IF I WERE A GIRL, I'D WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU FOR SURE
I . I THINK YOU'RE VERY HANDSOME AND COOL!

SAYING IT
WITH SUCH HONESTY..
ER..
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF LIP SERVICE?
EVEN SO,
SAYING THAT THOUGH YOU WERE RELUCTANT..
TO GO OUT WITH ME..
YOU'RE SO SWEET

◆Service / END◆

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